area of 3400 square feet, 3280 square feet and 540 square feet respectively.

(c) and (d) Not applicable.

Medical colleges in Srinagar and Almora in Uttaranchal

2674. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to set up medical colleges at Srinagar and Almora in Uttaranchal and had allocated funds in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government are aware that Uttaranchal Government had since shifted the location of the medical college from Almora to Rudrapur in violation of the decision taken by it;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government was taken into confidence before taking this decision; and

(d) by when Government would issue directions to State Government to set up the same in Almora to benefit the people living in remote hilly areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Central Govt. has no proposal to set up Medical Colleges in Uttranchal. The Central Government permits establishment of new medical college under the provisions of IMC Act and the Regulation made thereunder. Under the above provisions, a proposal has been received from the Govt. of Uttaranchal for establishment of a new medical college at Srinagar, Pauri Garhwal. The proposal has been referred to the Medical Council of India for evaluation. Clearance of the proposal will depend on fulfillment of qualifying criteria prescribed in the Regulation, availability of infrastructural facilities and recommendations of the Council thereon. Selection of place and location of a medical college is the progative of the State Governments.

Millennium Development Goals

2675. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India would be able to meet the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the health indicators of some States are equal to that of developed countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) India is committed to achieve the targets under the Millennium Development goals by 2015. Some progress has already been made towards achieving these targets and much more is still required. The recently launched National Rural Health Mission is expected to provide much needed stimulus and strengthen the capacity of health infrastructure towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals 2015.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A statement on comparative health indices is enclosed.

Statement

Comparative Health Indices

	IMR/1000 live births	Expectation of life at Birth (years)		Crude Birth Rate per 1000 pop.	Crude Death rate per 1000 pop.
		Male	Female		
USA	7	74.3	79.9	14.5	8.3
UK	5	75.7	80.7	11.0	10.4
Thailand	20	65.3	73.5	17.3	7.1
Malaysia	10	70.8	75.7	22.6	4.6
States					
Andhra Pradesh	35	62.79	65.00	20.6	8.0
Kerala	10	71.67	75	16.8	6.4
Maharashtra	45	66.75	69.76	20.2	7.3
Tamil Nadu	44	67	69.75	18.5	7.7

Sources: Central Bureau of Health Intelligence,
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Health Information of India 2003.